

PATENT
730083-2000.2**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

MAY 21 2004

OFFICIAL

Applicant : Stelzer, et al.
Serial No. : 09/943,346
For : MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY DEVICE
Filed : August 29, 2001
Examiner : Catherine Serke
Art Unit : 3763

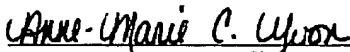
745 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10151

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116****FACSIMILE**

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the
Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Anne-Marie C. Yvon, Reg. No. 52,390

Type or print name of person signing certification


Signature

May 21, 2004

Date of Signature

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the January 21, 2004 Office Action, having a three-month term for
reply.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), a one-month extension of the term for reply, *i.e.*, to up
to and including May 21, 2004, is requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$55.00,
in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a small entity, any additionally required fee
for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such
fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.